

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE ARBITRATION OF:</p> <p>SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.,</p> <p style="text-align:right">Petitioning party,</p> <p style="text-align:center">And</p> <p>U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION,</p> <p style="text-align:right">Responding party.</p>	<p style="text-align:center">DOCKET NO. ARB-00-1</p>
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ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

(Issued September 15, 2000)

On June 21, 2000, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) filed a petition requesting arbitration of the unresolved issues in the interconnection negotiations between itself and U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation (Qwest). The issues set forth in the petition include reciprocal compensation for traffic delivered to enhanced service providers (ESPs); availability and charges for unbundled network elements; vertical features; and access charges for local services. In support of its petition, Sprint provided a joint issues matrix which specifies the unresolved issues. Additionally, the parties' agreements on resolved issues was filed with the petition for arbitration as Exhibit 1. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(b)(3), Qwest filed a response to the petition on July 17, 2000.

A prehearing conference was convened by telephone on July 25, 2000, at 10 a.m. to discuss scheduling matters. The Board has used the information provided by the parties during the prehearing conference relating to adequate preparation time for each filing to establish a procedural schedule. All parties have agreed that for purposes of this proceeding, negotiations are deemed to have been initiated on March 22, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The following procedural schedule is adopted.
 - a. All parties shall file any prepared direct testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before September 20, 2000.
 - b. All parties shall file any prepared rebuttal testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before October 4, 2000.
 - c. Sprint and Qwest shall file a joint, updated issues matrix detailing all remaining issues to be decided by the Board, on or before October 11, 2000.
 - d. A hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony and cross-examination of all testimony will commence at 10 a.m. on October 18, 2000, in the Board's hearing room at 350 East Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Parties shall appear at the hearing one-half hour prior to the time of hearing to mark exhibits. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Board at 515-281-5256 to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

e. Any party desiring to file a brief may do so on or before

November 1, 2000.

2. In the absence of objection, all workpapers shall become a part of the evidentiary record at the time the related testimony and exhibits are entered in the record.

3. In the absence of objection, all data requests and responses referred to in oral testimony or cross-examination which have not been previously filed with the Board shall become a part of the evidentiary record. The party making reference to the data request or response shall file an original and six copies at the earliest possible time.

4. In the absence of objection, if the Board calls for further evidence on any issue and that evidence is filed after the close of hearing, the evidentiary record shall be reopened and the evidence will become a part of the evidentiary record five days after filing.

5. Pursuant to 199 IAC 7.7(11), the deadline for filing responses to motions will be no later than five days from the date the motion is filed. All motions should be

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served on all other parties, by facsimile transfer or by electronic mail as well as by United States mail, on or before the date of filing.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 15th day of September, 2000.